GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4062
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2016
Slow Progress of Railway Line between Dallirajahara-Rowghat
Usendi Shri Vikram

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of laying new railway line from Dallirajahara to Rowghat in the State of Chhatttisgarh is going on at a slow pace;

(b) if so, the reasons for inordinate delay in completion of the said project;

(c) whether the length of the said project is 95 km. out of which merely 17 km. of railway line has been laid during the last three years; and

(d) if so, whether the Railways has fixed any time limit for completion of this project and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4062 BY SHRI VIKRAM USENDI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.08.2016 REGARDING SLOW PROGRESS OF RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN DALLIRAJAHARA-ROWGHAT.

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The reasons for delay are:

(i) Slow progress of tree cuttings, shifting of power line crossings, removal of houses and structures on the alignment.
(ii) Kam Roko agitation by project affected persons.
(iii) Limited working of 5-6 hours only against normal working period of 9-10 hours as construction machineries are required to be daily mobilized and demobilized between security camps and work area owing to Left Wing Extremism threats.
(iv) Access to site is only under dedicated security cover especially in 42 km to 95 km.
(v) Naxal attacks took place at construction sites at Keoti, Dondi and Gudum causing difficulty in bringing specialised outside labour and machine operators to the sites.

(c): Work on 0 km-17 km of the new line was started in 2009, completed in 2015 and train services were started in February, 2016.

(d): Target of completion for the project has not been set.

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